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QUEEN JULIANA SIGNS STATUTE

Queen Juliana of the Netherlands and Prince Bernhard ride in the golden coach of state to the Knight's Hall at the Hague. With ceremonies normally reserved only for the royal opening of parliament, Her Majesty is to consolidate a new statute. Surinam Soldiers form a guard of honour, for Surinam ( a Dutch possession in South America) the Dutch Antilles and the Netherlands are to become equal members of the Dutch Kingdom under the agreement.

Within the Knight's Hall, are gathered delegates from the three parts of the Kingdom. Each prime minister declares that his country has voluntarily accepted the statute. Twelve years ago, Queen Juliana's mother promised the new agreement after discussions in London. Now that promise is fulfilled before members of the three parliaments, on behalf of the Dutch people. Her Majesty indicates her royal assent by signing the agreement. Thus the Netherlands, Surinam and the Antilles are united in furthering the progress and stability of the Dutch Kingdom.